Delightful Hours Spent in Romantic gentle motion of the boat.

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tle packet and reached the entrance to the Grand Canal at early. daylight of July 1, 1870. Our eager eyes were deyouring the early morning beauties as the red sun, rising, threw over its white palaces a rosy mantle. The gondalus flitted around us until.

just in front of the Place St. Mark, the anchor was dropped. Then the busy cries of the hogimen filled the air with recommendations to this or that hotel,

Gripsacks in hand, we motioned to one and quickly were gliding up the main artery toward our hotel. We had chosen one which enaded us to reach the Place St. Mark by land, This was the Hotel del Europe, from which by a little bridge we entered the square and could at sour leisure visit all those wonderful monumental palaces which inclose it on three sides. or from the front steps take a goodela and in a second be floating on that lovely stream, the Grand Canal.

We were not on it, but down a little branch, just a stone's throw away. From our windows we could see nothing but our neighbors; but that did not count, for one lives out of doors in Vertice during the season, and does not remain there when it is over.

Inscribing our names on the register we harried to the breakiast room, and after gulging a breakfast sushed away to view as many of the sights as possible that day, for we had many to see and little time to space. Leaving the hotel by the back and crossing the bridge we walked through a short street and an archway and entered the

PLACE ST. MARK.

upper floors living apartments.

In front of us, across the open space, was the church and the Palace of Justice. On the left, before reaching the church, was the old clock the bell tower, is the river, or Grand Canal, and a public boat landing.

street, and where the palaco ends a narrow canal | men who kept up a continual round of enters. Across this is a bridge, by name the Bridge of Straw, Standing on this bridge and looking between the palace and the next building, which is the old prison, one sees a covered bridge between the second stories spanning the canal. That is the Bridge of Sighs, and through that used to pass the condemned prisoners from the Palace of Justice (or Injustice) to the prison, where death or perpetual imprisonment awaited them in the stone cells. As they disappeared into the prison the chapter of their lives to the world was finished. None would know their

Standing in the square before the church and the palace. I could image the crafty, spiteful enemy advancing and placing within the Lion's

SECRET INFORMATION

We entered the church, and for an hour dehave been somber, but for the glittering re-

flections. From the church we passed to the palace, visited the chambers where the Council of Seven sat in judgment; the inner rooms where the Doge of Venice and his advisers considered the matters of state; the lower rooms, where, far from any pitying ear, the prisoner was tortured. There we saw the old implements of torture-the rack, the wheel, the boot with its wedges, the thumb-screws, and dozens of others even more horrible. We could almost see the marked judge in his red gown, the brutal attendants; could almost hear the cries of the thousends who had suffered, and we could actually see upon the stones of the pavement the dark stains of blood.

Ascending, we crossed the Bridge of Sighs, and saw the narrow cells, the dungeons below water, and the opening into the canal through which the bodies were thrust, to float away with the flowing tide.

We saw enough, and were glad to step out into the naushine again, and feel that those days are passed. Descending the steps of the landing, we entered a gondola and crossed the

A GONDOLA is long and rather narrow; mear the stern is a light canopy covering the seats for the passen gers, which are cushioned and easy. In front the bow rises in a gentle curve to the figurehead, which is a carved piece of wood. On a platform in rear of the canopy are the rowers. One is the usual number, who, with long, ! graceful strokes, makes the very light, shallow boat fairly skim in and out through the naryow causes which form the streets of Venice. Approaching a corner or a turn, a long cry is given, to avoid collision with boats that may be coming from another direction.

The gondoller is quick to understand, and having you under his eye, a gesture is sufficient to send him to the right, left, into some little canal, or dancing up to the steps of some grand every place worth seeing, are full of informsfun that may be offered. Their prices are very moderate, their boats immuculately clean.

Almost across from the square of St. Mark stands the handsomest church in Venice-Santa Maria del Grazi-Our Mother of Grace). It is full of magnificent pictures and grand sculpture, and we spent fully two hours in it. Ascending baif a toile along the Grand Canal we passed under the

RIALTO BEIDGE, our way there being between rows of grand palaces, all so handsome that it was hard to tell



TIMELY AID.

the twilight was falling and the twinkling lights on the water made a charming foreground against the long rows of houses that continued on beyond.

Mentioning the name of our hotel, we swung around and were soon at out own steps. Liking our bontman, we hired him by the day, and tions assured ourselves of aguide. After dinmer we again entered our boat and went to call on the American Consul. There we spent a Independence, etc. We reached the hotel late, the waters of the Adriatic. As we had reached and arranging for the boat at 8 o'clock the next | the more open water, the gondolas had formed morning, gladly lumbled into bed to dream of a circle about the music instead of a long pro

Doges, tortures, and cruel jailors. breakfast set off, spending the whole day visit- | water the clear notes of a rich contralto voice ing churches, picture-galleries, palaces, and rang out in a song to the Sea and His Bride. other points of interest too numerous to mention. Histories and books of travel, guidebooks and novels have discussed and illustrated | command to the gondolier, they sped away, dis-Venice, and as I am only giving my personal appearing smid the multitude of now rapidly adventures, I will not bore you with discrip- retreating boats. It was to the hotel, with us,

so upon the 3d we investigated the canals, went | were all that remained. in and out among the islands which form the | The following day was our last, and was also various parts of the city, visited the mosaic | either Sunday or some holy day, for every one I back.

evening drifted up and down the

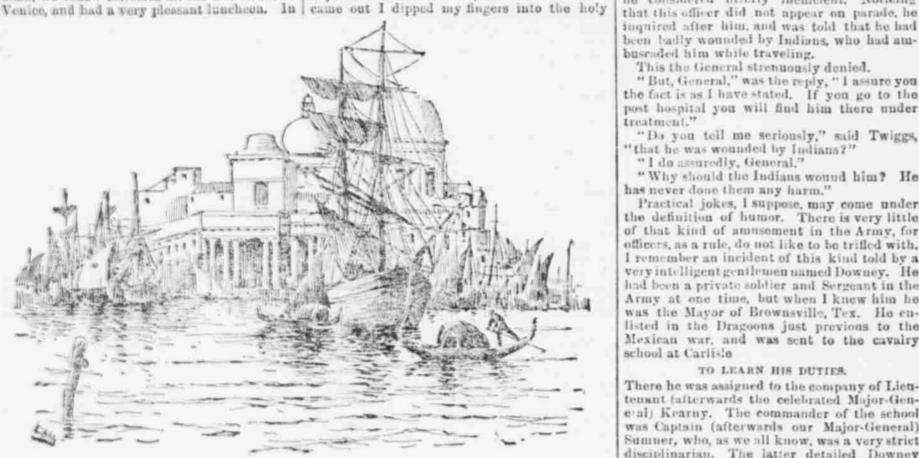
MALN CANAL,

enjoying the soft air, bright starlight and Our gondolier promised us a treat the next day on which Venice is wedded to the sea. Boat races take place, and in the evening firewater. In the old days amid great pump the of some one coming in and Doge performed the wedding eeremony by

does his best to keep up the festival. moon, we found collected all the Americans in a position near the door, and when the two

one of the islands; so I went alone.

The church was all lighted, and the little chapels which led off from the body of the evening, for it was the great day in Venice, the edifice were densely crowded. As the service was still going on, I did as the others didknelt down on the stone floor. I had been works and music; the whole city is on the there some three minutes when I was conscious not run into any kind of danger. I will hold KNEELING NEAR ME.



left, were colonnaded buildings with shops, the of speeches and a glass of champagne to "Our her goodola.

Country." the company broke up.

DELIGHTFUL MUSIC. This floating music-box was slowly towed down the Grand Causi by 40 gondolas, each having a dozen or more rowers.

The procession started quite a distance up the larges came in sight through the levely arch of the Rialto Bridge. The surface of the whole ranal was crowded with gondolas full of the gay Venitians. Almost everyone was on the water, and the crowd was so dense that one could almost have walked across the river by stepping from boat to boat.

Entering thoroughly into the spirit of the festival, and probably surmising that we young men were caper for fun, our gondolier would Our steamer left at daylight, and we had preselect some boat laden with a bevy of pretty | pared to leave the hotel and sleep on the boat. girls, run alongside and enter into conversation | My two friends got back in time, and we all destined to land his rival in the prison. The with their boatman, keeping one eye upon us three packed our things, paid the bill, and sent Lion is still there, the orifice is still open, but to see whether we were succeeding in getting them off to the steamer, while we in evening the dread Council has followed its victims to up a flirtation. If not, away he would go to dress proceeded to the house.

The brilliancy of the lights on the water, the mosaic stucco, corruscated with gold, it would assisted us, and we soon succeeded in fluding A JOLLY PARTY

nothing loath to a little innocent nonsense. There were five to three, but that did not embarrass us, and under the very eyes of their chaperone we succeeded in exchanging silly



IT WAS LUCETTA.

nothings, squeezing and kissing their hands, and promising future meetings. Then our gonenough, dropped astern and ran alongside of field.

This happened several times, but when he tried it the last time, we all held on so tight that he relinguished his efforts and concluded to let menlone. The occupants of this last boat were evidently of the better class, for though cutering into our pleasantries, they kept us on our good behavior; so, beyond murmured words progress, when another boat, in which were a | the American ensign at the fore. couple of drunken rowdies, roughly came up on marble palace. They are true guides, know | the other side, and with some words, of which I did not catch the real meaning, but from the tion, always good tempered, and enter into any tone of the voice and manner, took to be insulting, attempted to enter their boat.

Without a thought as to the probable consequences, I sprang into the boat, and with a blow that made his teeth rattle sent one sprawling back where he belonged. The other fellow immediately loosened his hold of the boat, and the rower with a quick stroke

ELUBED PURSUIT. and disappeared, mingling with the crowd. This took place so quickly and in the semilight, that it was hardly noticed by the boats around us. The fellows evidently meant to which was the fluest. As we reached the bridge | rob, and were not so drunk as they appeared. a chance to make a footing with the party at

Retiring with modesty to my own boat, our pleasant conversations were renewed, only on a more frank basis. I was permitted to hold the hand that before I had hardly dare touch. The ady to whom I was talking gave me her name as Lucetta; said the other two were her cousins; that she was acting as the chaperone, they having been separated from their own party as they came through the Rialto. She gave me an address at which I could call, if I wished, but I saw mischief in her eye, and knew that it was

a seli, for such a thing would be impossible in She was the prettiest Italian I had ever met, and I had seen very many beauties. Perhaps the surroundings cast a glamor over my senses, but by moonlight she was simply adorable, Leaving back on the cushions, she looked the

During all those little side issues we were not by any means forgetting the novelty and beauty of the surroundings. We had drifted

LIGHTS OF THE CITY

pleasant evening, and made an engagement to were behind us. The music on the pavilion go there on the morning of the 4th, to assist in | still kept on, and the many colored lights and the celebration, listen to the Declaration of fireworks threw long glistening tracks out over cession, and the rowers were now resting on We were up with the sun, and after a good | their oars. The music ceased, and over the Gently pressing my hand, Lucetta murmured,

"Till we meet again!" and then, with a quick and all too soon. The gay throng had dispersed, At the end of the day we were tired of art, | the songs of the gondoliers and the moonlight |

went out upon the gulf outside, and in the to a certain one-I forget now the name-

shops, photograph galleries, and glass-works; was going to church. We were advised to go where the music was particularly fine. My comrades preferred to go off to a monastery on

dropping a ring into the water off the Square of After a moment I looked, and there was Lu-St. Mark, and the day has ever since been kept | cetta, She had not yet discovered my presence, as a gala occasion and one on which every one | but when she did, a becoming blush spread to her cheeks, and her eyes dropped. She was On the morning of the 4th we watched a strended by an old domestic, who was very number of gondols races and other aquatic | devout, and fortunately did not see the blush. amusements. Going to the Consulate about | After remaining a short time I withdrew to

ON THE GRAND CANAL.

the afternoon the Declaration of Independence | water, and, as the custom is, gave her some of was read, the task, in the absence of any better | mine. With a gracious word of thanks she | with the company. To this Kearny replied: On the side we entered, and to the right and substitute, devolving upon me. After a number | moved away, and descended the steps toward

I had turned and re-entered the church, We spent the rest of the afternoon in buying | when I was touched on the sieeve, and, turnphotographs and mementoes at the various shops, ing, found her standing there. In hurried | black on your face and hands he will probably As soon as darkness fell we entered our gon- tones she apologized for her coldness, and tower, upon whose summit are the beli and the | dola and drifted out upon the Grand Canal to | invited me to call upon her father, giving me figures which come out, one striking the hours view the evening celebration. Upon three | this time a true address. She had related the have the effect he had anticipated. Sumner with an iron hammer. On the right, opposite huge barges a pavilion was built, resplendent adventure of the preceding evening, and he threatened him with terrific penalties if he ever with lights of many colors hanging in clusters | was desirous of personally thanking the gentle- | caught him in that condition again, but he did and festoons, and surrounding an immense flag | man, but was of course quite in the dark as to | not order him out. Between the river and the palace runs a of the Italian colors. On the pavilion were where I was. The only fact known was that our party were American officers.

I escorted Lucetta to the boat, and, motioning to my goudolier, entered with her. The thing else. Get a watermeion, chop it in small servant was profuse in her blessings, and I was | pieces, and when he inquires why you are hugely embarrassed. When we reached her | doing that, tell him it is to put in the soup. home, which turned out to be quite a good-sized | Then I think he will order you out," and and it was fully 10 o'clock when the palace (every large building is or has been a Downey made his preparations accordingly parents, and soon returned with her father and | spect, the following dialog ensued: the two cousins. After offering profuse thanks, be insisted on my coming to dinner and bringing my two companions. Promising to return and bring them if they got back from their trip in season, I beat a retreat to the hotel, and there made

PREPARATIONS FOR DEPARTURE.

We reached there a little late, and found our host and the ladies in the salcon. We were lighted our eyes with its rich decoration in | moon, the music, and the air of Venice, which | then properly presented by name, and many Byzantine work. With its walls and ceilings of still, I fear, predisposes one to intrigue-all sly glances were exchanged between the guilty young people. After a most elaborate dinner all went out on a balcony which overlooked the water, and eigarets and coffee were handed leave in the morning was known, I think that left leg for two years. Yes, I have a distinct | was the time. Of course I could have borrowed the usual formalities were banished, for we recollection of him," were soon abandoned by the older ones, and for a brief hour sat blissfully in the moonlight.

Venice was forgotten, and we wandered fore venture to relate an anecdote of Floyd, among those lovely vistas of imagination called | who held that office at the commencement of 'castles in Spain," Too soon the metal ham- the war. I must say that I had no very good reluctant "Good-by's,"

(To be routinned.) NAVAL FLAG SIGNALS.

What the Various Symbols Mean and the Ways They are Displayed. [Commercial Advertiser.]

An Admiral's flag is square, with four stars in a dismond on a blue ground; a Vice-Admiral's has three stars, forming half a diamond. Rear-Admirals have three flags, according to rank, viz: Blue, with two white stars in the center of field, one above the other; red, with two white stars; white, with two blue stars. Commodores have also three flags-blue, red, doller, seeming to think we had gone far white swallow-tail, bearing one star in center

The Secretary of the Navy floats a blue square flag-a foul anchor surrounded by four white stars. This flag came into use in 1866. When the President comes on board a United States vessel a blue square flag containing the arms of the United States is hoisted at the main, honored with a salute of 21 guns, and remains aloft while the President remains on and a few hand squeezes, we had made little | board. The Vice-President is received with A flag of truce is a white flag displayed to an

enemy to indicate a desire for a parley or con-A red flag is a mark of danger, and shows a vessel to be receiving or discharging powder.

The black flag is the symbol of piracy.

The yellow flag belongs to the quarantine service, and when displayed is a sign of con-A convoy flag is white, triangular in shape, bordered with red, and is worn by men-of-war

when convoying merchant vessels. A pilot flag is the jack, bordered with red, hoisted at the fore, A compass flag is a square flag divided into four squares or cantons-blue, yellow, white, red, hoisted over the numeral flags of the signal liowever, their attempt had served to give us | code representing the points of the compass,

A dispatch flug is a white square flag with once solid, and from distant strangers to de- five blue crosses, generally known as the five of fenders was a long step. None could cavil now | clubs; hoisted forward denotes important and at our conversing or at our remaining beside | urgent special service which must not be innem, for what possibilities of robbers had it not | terfered with by any officer junior to the one by whom it was dispatched. A church pennant is a white pennant, without swallow-tails, charged with a blue Latin

cross, hoisted at the peak, during divine service, over the ensign. The cornet is a square flag, divided into four equal parts of alternate red and white, and when hoisted anywhere without other flags is a peremptory order for all absent boats and officers to return on board without delay. It is

salso a signal for sailing, and has long been used in the Navy for that purpose. To strike the flag is to lower the National colors. A flag at half-mast means that a death nal of distress. Dipping the colors is lowering

A Philanthropic Client. Client-Your fee is exorbitant, It didn't take you a day to do the work. Lawyer-It is my regular fee. I am not charging you for time, but for the cost of my legal education.

again to salute a vessel or fort.

Client-Well, give me a receipt for the cost of your education, so the next fellow won't have to pay for it, too. Why He Came Through the Rain. [Detroit Free Press.]

Wife (to husband coming in under an umbrella, dripping)-Goodness, Harry, why did you come through all that rain? Harry (pleasantly)-Because, love, I couldn't come over it, or under it, or around it. From Sad Experience.

[Harper's Bazar.]

She-So you are a lawyer? what a splendid profession! Re-I'd rather be a clergyman. She-Why? He-Because then no one would answer me

tion of the United States, did you not?"

ARMY ANECDOTES. (Continued from second page.)

"That's right, Mr. S Don't you risk your life for the United States. I wouldn't do t if I was in your place. You needn't go to Texas. You shall stay here, and I will watch over your salety myself. Mr. Adjutant, take charge of this young man. See that he does you strictly responsible

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIM." The General walked off, and S- very soon found himself the laughing-stock of the garrison. It is said that he deeply regretted that he had not obeyed the order at once.

When making a tour of inspection among the rentier posts of his command in Texas, Twiggs came to a post commanded by an officer whom in considered utterly inefficient. Noticing inquired after him, and was told that he had been badly wounded by Indians, who had ambuscaded him while traveling.

This the General strenuously denied. "But, General," was the reply, "I assure you the fact is as I have stated. If you go to the post hospital you will find him there under treatment." "Do you tell me seriously," said Twiggs, "that he was wounded by Indians?"

"I do assuredly, General."

"Why should the Indians wound him? He has never done them any harm." Practical jokes, I suppose, may come under the definition of humor. There is very little of that kind of amusement in the Army, for officers, as a rule, do not like to be trifled with. I remember an incident of this kind told by a very intelligent gentlemen named Downey. He had been a private soldier and Sergeant in the Army at one time, but when I knew him he

school at Carlisle TO LEARN HIS DUTIES.

e al) Kearny. The commander of the school was Captain (afterwards our Major-General) | instead of the costume Summer, who, as we all know, was a very strict disciplinarian, The latter detailed Downey for the cook room, a position that was very disagreeable to him, so he asked Kearny to intercode for him and have him returned to duty

"The difficulty is that Sumner detailed you simself, and will not let you off without some very good reason. He inspects the mess every day at noon. I think if you put a little potorder you out of the cook-room."

Downey followed the advice, but it did not Wherenpon Downey went to Kearny for

fresh advice. The latter said : "That failed, ch! Well, we must try some-

"What are you doing there?" "I'm cutting up this watermelon, sir?" "I see you are, but what are you doing it

"It is to put in the soup, sir." "Where are you from?" "I'm from ould Ireland, sir."

"Don't you know better than to chop up a watermelon to put in the soup?" "Sure, it's vegetable soup, sir." "Get out of this cook-room, you infernal idiot!"

A GOOD DEAL OF HUMOR is sometimes evolved from mannerism in speech. I asked T-, a noted citizen of San Antonio, Tex., if he knew C---, who had been our sutler at Fort Duncan, and who was a very impetuous and excitable man. T-- replied-"I think I do remember him. When Santa Ana captured this place we were both carried | Friends in the Eastern States may possibly rearound. Being at home, the ladies all indulged off as prisoners to Mexico. He is a very irri- call the time when my correspondence, from in a smoke, and, as the fact that we were to table man. My right leg was chained to his some unknown cause, seemed to flag. That

I suppose the Hon, Secretary of War may be considered as a part of the Army, and I there- running an account, but I hated to borrow. mer of the guard on St. Mark struck out the will toward him, for I was stationed at Forts | said that I could to a limited extent. He said hour of midnight, and then Adios! Just a Moultrie and Sumter at that time, and if he glimpse into that happy family circle, and then | did not make arrangements to have us all | to secure the victim, and I would get the other the same old song-"Good by!" It seems to massacred, his orders and mode of procedure ingredients. He then wished to know where me that life has been nothing but a chapter of | tended to that end. He was a man of dark | my office was. It occurred to me at that mocomplexion, which he attributed to his alleged

DESCENT FROM POCAHONTAS. He was very proud of this lineage, and proclaimed it on all occasions. During the administration of President Buchanan a party of Sioux warriors were brought to Washington by the agent in charge, with a view to induce them to sign a treaty of some kind. The Diplomatic Corps having expressed a wish to see these strange children of the forest, Mr. Buchanan held a levee for that purpose. Some time after it commenced Secretary Floyd made his appearance in evening dress, and was introduced to the Sioux as the great war-chief of the whites. They walked all around him, scrutinized him closely, but made no remarks, When this was over Floyd struck an attitude, walked up to the head-chief, and exclaimed-

"Me Indian! Me Pocahontas!" The chief looked at him, apparently much astonished at the statement. He walked around him again, felt of his short black curly hair, and said contemptuously-"Naw! naw Indian! Nigger! heap nigger!"

This was rough on a man who prided himself on being descended from one of the First Fami-The President, it is said, lay back in his chair and laughed for half an hour at the

I have no doubt our friends in the Navy could supplement this article by numerous incidents which have occurred in their branch of the service. One of them speaking to me of strict discipline enforced in the old Navy, referred to Commodore Rogers as a man who

out an order. Even when it was impossible to execute it, he would always insist that THE ATTEMPT MUST BE MADE. On one occasion when his vessel was anchored off Smyrna, a warrant officer named Marshall died aboard ship. The Commodore | was bright and piercing. It resembled the desired to bury him on shore, but was afraid | breast-bone of a sand-hill crane. the bigoted natives might interfere in case he

never admitted any excusa for failing to carry

shall on shere if the Turks will take up the The Midshipman saluted and replied, "I do

not speak French, Commodore. "Ask them, sir; roared the Commodore in a The frightened Middy turned to the strangers and said: "Si nous mettez old Marshall ici; pensez vous the Turkies come levy he?" "Ah! that will do, sir;" said the Commo-

dore; always try to obey an order. Whenever a member of Congress gains a reputation for sarcasm, very few care to meet him in debate of a personal character. This was the case with that uncompromising radical, has occurred, and hoisted union down is a sig- Thad. Stevens, who did so much for us during The dude came along one day just as Daly had the war. He had no mercy on the Copperhead the ensign some distance and then hoisting it | element in the House. Once a new man from Kentucky, who was opposed to the war, inter-

rupted him and said: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has just quoted a remark from "the distinguished member from Kentucky. There are a good many distinguished members from Kentucky here, and I would like to know to which of them the gentleman refers."

Stevens looked at the man from head to foot, and replied: "Mr. Speaker, when I say the distinguished member from Kentucky, everybody in this House knows that I do not mean that young

As Stevens was one of the great leaders of Mr. Lincoln's Administration, and as heavy disabilities weighed, AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR, on every one who had been in arms against the Government, several Southerners sought his

plicants, and the following dialog ensued: "I believe, General, you are a graduate of West Point?" "I am, sir," "You took an oath to support the Constitu- tin' so uncertain of late years. S'posin' I'd

influence to free them from these restrictions.

It is said that Gon. M --- was one of these ap-

"I did, sir."

" Nevertheless you joined the Confederacy." "That is true, sir. Then Stevens said impressively, "You commanded the men who burned my iron-works just previous to the battle of Gettysburg?"

"Well," said Stevens, "I like your - impudence, and I will have your disabilities re-

M- was obliged to confess that this also

Upon conversing with the late Mr. Edward B. Stelle, formerly Assistant Libarian of Congress, who knew most of the distinguished men of the past, he related several anecdotes of JOHN RANDOLPH.

one or two of which may perhaps profitably

round off this paper. The one that follows may possibly have been already in print. Randolph, while in Congress, lost a very dear friend who represented an adjoining district. This friend was succeeded by a bitter enemy, who boasted loudly that the first thing he intended to do when he took his seat would be to put down that scoundrel Raudolph. Accordingly, to carry out his intention, he made a speech full of invective and personalities. Everyone expected Randolph to make a crushing reply, but he remained silent. When it became his duty to announce the death of his friend in the House, he did so with remarks so pathetic and appropriate that all the members were in tears. He ended by saying: "I refer to my deceased friend and colleague, late of this House, whose seat is still vacant;" looking directly, as he spoke, at the big fellow that

On another occasion he said: "Mr. Speaker, isn't it a shame for the bull-dogs of the Administration to be worrying the rats of the opposition

in this manner." At once there were indignant eries from the position benches of "Order!" "Order!" Randolph turned as if to apologise, and said : was the Mayor of Brownsville, Tex. He en-"Did I say rats?" Here he pointed his long listed in the Dragoons just previous to the skinny finger at his enemies, and said: "Mice! Mexican war, and was sent to the cavalry Mice! Mice!"

The late Gen. Charles P. Stone told me another story of him which he heard in Wash-There he was assigned to the company of Lieu- | ington. A lady gave a dinner party in honor tenant fafterwards the celebrated Major-Gen- of Randolph. She was much annoyed when he came late and in his ordinary walking-dress

> WHICH ETIQUET DEMANDED. She manifested her displeasure openly, which put Randolph in a bad humor and induced him to be disagreeable to his next neighbor, a young man named Parsons. He said: "Mr. Parsons, are you a descendant, sir, of

that John F. Parsons who was hung in the reign of Queen Anne at Bristol, England, for "No, Mr. Randolph," was the reply, "I am not the descendant of any British savage or of

An answer that gratified the hostess exceedingly. Perhaps the most sarcastic speech ever reported was one attributed to Grattan in the British Parliament, While making an attack on the policy of the Government, he was interrupted by a member of the opposition, who

any Virginia savage."

"The gentleman's speech is disrespectful to Grattan replied: "I am aware that it is my duty to be respectful to His Majesty; but I am not aware that it is my duty to be equally re spectful to his man-servant, his maid-servant, his ox," here he turned to his interlocutor, bowed, and added, "or his ass."

BILL NYE AS A "J. P."

He Officiates at a Frontier Marriage Ceremony, Edgar Wilson Nye, otherwise Bill Nye, i writing a series of autobiographies for the Century. From the first paper, in the November number, we quote as follows: "I forgot to say that the office was not a salaried one, but solely dependent upon fees, the County furnishing only the copy of the Revised Statutes and a woolsack, slightly and prematurely bald. So while I was called Judge Nye, and frequently mentioned in the papers with great consideration, I was out of coal about half the time, and once could not mail my letters for three weeks because I did not have the necessary postage. the money, but I had, and still have, a foolish

horror or borrowing money. I did not mind "The first business that I had was a marriage ceremony. I met the groom on the street. He asked if I could marry people. I that he wanted to get married. I asked him ment that there was no fire in the stove; also, no coal; also, that the west half of the stove had fallen in during the night. So I said that I would marry them at their home. He maintained that his home was over 80 miles away, and that it would consume too much time to

go there. "'Where are you stopping at?' I inquired using the Pike County style of syntax in order to show that I was one of the people. "'Well, we met here, Squire. She come in on the Last Chance stage, and I'm camped up in Gov'ment Canyon, not fur from Soldier

Crick. We can go out there, I recon', "I did not mind the ride, so I locked my office, secured a book of forms, and meeting the young people at the livery stable went out with them and married them in a rambling, desultory sort of way.

"The bride was a peri from Owl Creek, wearing moccasins of the pliocene age. The rich Castilian blood of the cave-dwellers mantled in her cheek along with the navy-blue blood of Connecticut on her father's side. Her hair was like the wing of a raven, and she wore a tiara of clam shells about her beetling brow. Her bracelet was a costly string of front teeth selected from the early settlers at the foot of Independence Mountain. With the shrewdness of a Yankee and the hauteur of the savage she combined the grotesque grammar of Pike County and the charming naivete of the cow-puncher. She was called Beautiful Snow. But I think it was mostly in a spirit of banter, She was also no longer young. I asked her, with an air of badinage, if she remembered Pizarro, but she replied that she was away from home when he came through. The cavedwellers were a serious people. Their plumbing was very poor indeed; so also were their jokes. Her features were rather classic, however, and-I was about to say clean-cut, but on mature thought I will not say that. Her nose

"The groom was a man of great courage subject two Frenchmen came on board. The is why he married Beautiful Snow without have it conducted successfully through the Department. Commodore turned to one of the Midshipmen | any flinching; also, why I have refrained from were others who had claims on me, but I did not wish to give needless pain to the groom, and so I did it. He had no money, but said that he had a saddle which if I could use I was welcome to. I did not have anything to put empty-handed I took it.

How the Horse-trainer Won His Bet from a Greeny. [Rider and Driver.]

"Old Bill was training a horse for an underdone anglomaniac," said Mr. Merrill, "and as the horse had bad legs it was necessary to keep him standing in a tub of hot water for an hour put the horse's forward legs in the hot water, into the water and pulled them out blistered. Mr. Daly! Mr. Daly!' he yelled, 'you will cruelty to animals to subject a horse to such torture, and I want you to understand, Mr. thing.

"Father Bill sized him up very slowly, and said: 'Young man, you are full of prunes. That water is not too hot. I'll bet \$10 that I can effected. hold my foot in it for five minutes without a murmur.

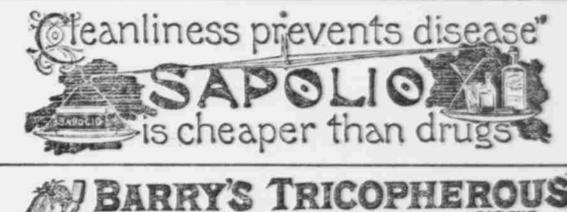
"The dude skinned \$20 off his roll and laid it down on the straw, and Father Bill put a his artificial leg in the tub. At the end of five | ducted. minutes the young man walked away disgusted, and as Daly folded up the bill and returned the double engle to its place in his purse, a little colored boy, who had been on the verge of an explosion while the bet was being decided, said: 'For de Lord's sake. Mars' Daly, why didn't you bet him more than \$20 when you knowned you had a dead sure thing?" "'Twan't no dead cinch,' says Father Bill, and \$20 is all I'll bet on my memory-it's get-

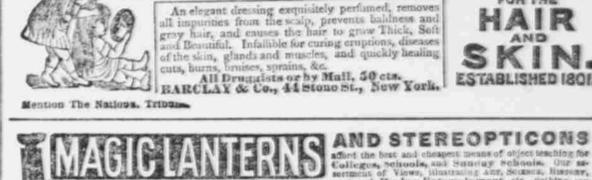












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